

April 19, 1933.

Dear Curt:

I was delighted to get your letter for I had been wondering just what the circumstances were. Naturally, I have been worried not for myself but for you. We have read the papers and have realized the situation although I know that there is probably more than we can read. Stadler wrote me that you were at Cold Spring Harbor. I think that it is fine that you are there although I do think the place is rather depressing. At least, it was for me when I visited there. However, it is close to N.Y., which is some advantage.

I shall be coming home about the first of June. That is, I leave here about the first of June and don't know just when I will arrive in Ithaca. If it is necessary, I shall come to N.Y. and see you when I get back. It is not much of a trip from Ithaca to N.Y. Harriet Creighton is expecting to come out to drive back with me. Dr. Parker realized that she could not come and Harriet wanted to come very much. She has never been this way before. It is the reason that I shall be starting back so late. I shall miss my 10 year class reunion by being late which disappoints me quite a lot although there will probably not be so many back - not enough money.

Darlington is leaving for Japan in several weeks. He has been having a great time working over at the Community Play House. He has another part now which he is doing but will have to give it up in order to get ready to go. He has not been at the laboratory much at all for the past month. I have a hard time getting in touch with him when I want him. The Lindegrens have left. Morgan left yesterday for Washington, D.C. to give a lecture before the National Academy of Science meetings which will be held there next week. Mrs. Morgan has gone to Palo Alto to be with her daughter but took her flies along with her. Kaufmann has had some bad news from Alabama. They think that the appropriation for next year will be cut 75 % which means a dreadful slash in salaries. He tried to get a reappointment for the National Research Fellowship but did not get his application in in time. He did not get the news from Alabama in time to do much about it. He has not written his *Drosophila* paper as yet but has been spending days with the drawings. Beets and Sterling are busy at their crossing-over book which is progressing but with lots of energy loss. The assistants in the department have received a one-half salary cut for next year - Miss Groscurth and Miss Geertsen while some of the others were cut out altogether. Beadle remained as before. Anderson has just returned from a trip to Death Valley. He enjoyed it quite as much as you people did. He found more vegetation in places than he had expected to find. The flowers are out now in profusion and if anything is going to be found, it will be just now. I think that takes care of most of the gossip.

Sincerely,

Paul.

Tell Selma thank you for the certificate. Some time you can ask one of the students about the experiment I took when I came. I saw flowers for my speed!  
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